

Qualifications

- Over 45 years of progressive experience and responsibility with documented success in all aspects of the fire service and emergency medical services at various organizational assignments
- Over 45 years of expertise in the field of general and public safety communications
- A well-recognized leader in emergency communications, technology and management of all-hazards incidents
- An established record of successful analysis and problem solving in all manners of public safety, cooperative management, evaluation and training
- A comprehensive background in theoretical and practical applications of technology solutions in emergency communications and interoperability and 9-1-1 systems
- An established record of high performance standards, including attention to schedules, deadlines, budgets and work quality
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security Headquarters Security Clearance

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LAFAYETTE GROUP

Subject Matter Expert / Consultant

August 2015 to present

Vienna, VA nationwide assignments

*In support of Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Administration
Emergency Communications Division*

Dave Dato is currently performing work for The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of Emergency Communications through the Lafayette Group. The work includes communication plan development for National Special Security Events (NSSE), assisting local, state, tribal and federal agencies with communications analysis and planning, including NG 9-1-1, as well as assistance with other facets of communications and Incident Command Systems.

WAUCONDA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

All ranks from Volunteer Firefighter to Chief / Administrator

May 1978 to August 2015

Wauconda, Illinois

Operational Experience: Dave Dato began his career in public safety as a volunteer firefighter in 1978, participating during weekends and summers while home from college. He was offered a full-time firefighter/paramedic position in May of 1984 and rose through the ranks to become the full-time chief in April of 1992. Chief Dato was recognized by his peers in 2010 for his leadership and exemplary work, and was presented The *Fire Chief of the Year* award by the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association. In October of 2015, Chief Dato was nominated and awarded the prestigious *Chief Emeritus* designation by the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association.

Administration and Management Experience: Dave Dato has served numerous administrative and management roles in the fire service with increased responsibilities, beginning as a company officer and proceeding through the ranks as fire marshal, fire captain and in 1992 was appointed to the position of Fire Chief and Administrator. Mr. Dato has taken the agency through a number of phases, merging multiple organizations into the Wauconda Fire Protection District. During his tenure as Chief, Dato led a number of successful referenda and other efforts to unify fire and ems services of various governmental bodies. As a leader, Dato is a believer in active participation in a wide range of committees and organizations by both the Fire District personnel and himself, at the local, state and federal levels. He cultivated subordinates to take

leadership roles in numerous organizations. In a number of instances Dave Dato has been either a founder or founding member of public safety industry organizations and has held executive board positions in many of those.

Technological Experience and Background:

Dave Dato has had an active role in communications planning. He helped author legislation with members of the Illinois State Police that led to the formation of the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC). Dato acted as a peer reviewer for DHS/OEC, and participated in many of the DHS /OEC *Goal One* events, He also acted as a plan reviewer for the Statewide Communications Interoperability Plans (SCIP) sessions and Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan (TICP) reviews, that were hosted by U.S. Office of Emergency Communications. He is actively leading with the formulation and review for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security , Cyber Security Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Emergency Communications Division (ECD) Technical Assistance Program with agencies in States, territories and Tribal Nations across the United States. Most recently He provided expertise to the National Technical Program Manager (NTPM) for DHS/OIG. Working closely with the NTPM and the National Law Enforcement Communications Center in Orlando Florida Mr. Dato developed a new channel scheme for Department of Homeland Security / Office of Inspector General agent radios, thereby providing interoperability with other federal, state and local agencies. He also provided the programming of OIG's portable radios and performed agent training on use of the radios.

NORTH MAINE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

January 1982 to May 1984

Firefighter / Paramedic / Fire Apparatus Engineer

DesPlaines, Illinois

Dave Dato performed fire suppression, emergency medical duties and fire apparatus engineering duties as required by his supervisors. He gained significant experience in the aforementioned duties, as the fire district was one of the busiest at the time, in the Chicago Metro area.

GLENBROOK REALTY Inc.

1979 – July 2002

General Manager and Vice President

Wauconda, Illinois

Mr. Dato was a partner in the family owned real estate business. He provided management leadership and support to twenty salespersons in the organization as the general Manager from 1979 to 1984. Mr. Dato learned the importance of customer service while working in this business. As a licensed real estate agent he also handled many sales and purchase transactions himself. Upon the death of his father in 1984 he was asked to become more involved with the business at the corporate level, and he became corporate Vice President. He was able to successfully balance his responsibilities overseeing the real estate business and the responsibilities of that of a full-time firefighter / paramedic with the Wauconda Fire Department. Mr. Dato successfully ran the business with other family members until the family chose to sell the business in 2002.

GLENBROOK CONSTRUCTION Inc.

1971 – 1979

Construction Laborer and Carpenter in Training

Wauconda, Illinois

During high school and college, Mr. Dato worked during summers and during other time off from school as a construction laborer for the family owned residential construction business. It was during this period that he learned to work with others as a team. Mr. Dato also learned the values of a good work ethic and the importance of providing attention to detail to his work under the supervision of seasoned tradesmen.

WAUCONDA POLICE DEPARTMENT

1978- 1981

Part-time Marine Unit Officer

Wauconda, Illinois

Part-time position as a marine unit patrol officer. Maintained a safe boating environment and enforced laws that pertained to boating and other lake based activities.

EDUCATION

- **Marquette University Milwaukee, Wisconsin** *1975 – 1979*
Undergraduate studies in Engineering and Business
- **Highland Park Hospital Paramedic Program** *1980*
Licensed Paramedic
- **Arlington Heights Illinois Fire Academy** *1982*
Basic Firemanship Training
- **Illinois Fire Chiefs Educational Foundation** *multiple dates*
Fire Officer II Management Series
Fire Officer III Management Series
Fire Prevention Officer I
Fire Prevention Officer II
- **University of Illinois Fire Service Institute** *multiple dates*
Fire Officer I Management Series
Arson / Fire Investigation I-III
- **Seminars and Other Educational Experiences** *multiple dates*
Certificates Available Upon Request

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

- **Lake County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB)**
Member (1992 to present)
Chairman (1994 to present)
- **FEMA Region V Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group**
Chairman (December 2007 to December 2015)
- **Illinois Terrorism Task Force**
Member (2000 to September 2015)
Co-Chair Communications Committee (2005 to September 2015)
- **Interoperable Communications Council of Lake County**
Founding / Charter Member (2004 to present)
- **Illinois Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee**
Founding / Charter Member (November 2006 to present)
- **Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) (Fire Mutual Aid): Illinois Division Four**
President (2009 to November 2015)
- **Illinois Task Force One / Urban Search and Rescue**
Founding / Charter Member (2002 to present)
Communication Specialist (2003 to present)
- **Mutual Aid Box Alarm System :Telecommunications, Communications and Dispatch Committee (Statewide)**
Founding / Charter Member and Senior Advisor (2002 to present)
Co-Chair (2002-2008)
- **Northern Illinois Fire Inspectors Association**
Chairman (1986 to 1991)
- **Illinois Fire Inspectors Association**

Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary (1989 to 1992)

- **Village of Wauconda Emergency Management Agency**
Director (1993 to September 2015)
- **Lake County Fire Chiefs**
Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President, President (1994- 2000)
- **Illinois Fire Safety Alliance**
Executive Board Member (1994-2008)
Chairman (1997-1999)

FIRE and EMS CERTIFICATIONS

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| ○ Emergency Medical Technician / Ambulance Basic | Illinois Department of Public Health |
| ○ Emergency Medical Technician / Paramedic | Illinois Department of Public Health |
| ○ Pediatric Advanced Life Support | American Heart Association |
| ○ Advanced Cardiac Life Support | American Heart Association |
| ○ Fire Fighter II | Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal |
| ○ Firefighter III | Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal |
| ○ Fire Inspector II | Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal |
| ○ Plan Examiner II | Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal |
| ○ Fire Prevention Officer | Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal |
| ○ Fire Apparatus Engineer | Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal |
| ○ Fire Investigator | Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal |
| ○ Fire Service Instructor I | Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal |
| ○ Fire Service Instructor II | Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal |
| ○ Fire Officer I | Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal |
| ○ Fire Officer II | Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal |
| ○ Fire Officer III | Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal |
| ○ Emergency Rescue Technician | Illinois Department of Transportation |
| ○ Incident safety Officer | National Board on Fire Service Qualifications |

OTHER CERTIFICATIONS & SPECIALIZED TRAINING

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| ○ COML | U.S. Department of Homeland Security/ OEC |
| ○ COMT | U.S. Department of Homeland Security /OEC |
| ○ US&R COMS Qualified | U.S. Department of Homeland Security / FEMA |
| ○ US&R Task Force Leader (TFL) Qualified | U.S. Department of Homeland Security / FEMA |
| ○ Command and General Staff | National Fire Academy / II Fire Service Institute |
| ○ IS-1 | Emergency Program Manager Orientation |
| ○ IS-15.A | Special Events Contingency Planning |
| ○ IS-100 | Incident Command |
| ○ IS-120 | Community Disaster Exercises |
| ○ IS-200 | ICS for Single Resources |
| ○ IS-700 | NIMS |
| ○ IS-800 | National Response Plan |
| ○ Amateur Radio License | N9WFD Federal Communications Commission |